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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - U.S. ASSISTANCE IN SPANISH AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROL DEVELOPMENT

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1. ON MARCH 2 THE AMBASSADOR SENT IDENTICAL LETTERS TO FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE GUTIERREZ MELLADO AND NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS SANCHEZ TERAN ON SUBJECT OF U.S. ASSISTANCE IN SPANISH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVELOPMENT. LETTER INCLUDED INFORMATION IN REFTEL WITH REGARD MADAC/FAA SYSTEMS COMPARISON AND STRESSED NEED FOR GOS TO DEVELOP MILITARY/CIVIL COORDINATION AGREEMENTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. DURING AFTERNOON OF MARCH 2 EMBOFF AND CHIEF OF FAA CAAG, MADRID, DELIVERED TO SUBSECRETARY OF CIVIL AVIATION SAENZ INSAUSTI COPY OF LETTER TO MINISTER
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SANCHEZ TERAN AND DISCUSSED SUBJECT BRIEFLY WITH HIM AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR NAVIGATION ANGEL MENDOZA. AFTER GLANCING OVER LETTER THE SUBSECRETARY COMMENTED THAT GOS OBVIOUSLY MUST SOON DECIDE WHICH OPTION THEY WILL SELECT, A MILITARY/CIVIL JOINT SYSTEM OR A DEDICATED CIVIL SYSTEM. MENDOZA NOTED THAT WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED ON DEVELOPING REQUIRED MILITARY/CIVIL CO-

ORDINATION AGREEMENT.

3. DURING MARCH 8 VISIT TO SUBSECRETARIAT OF CIVIL AVIATION ON OTHER BUSINESS EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY SPANISH OFFICIAL THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE ATC PROBLEM HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MINISTER SANCHEZ TERAN SINCE THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER WAS SENT. AT PRESENT THE MINISTER APPEARS TO BE FULLY OCCUPIED WITH REORGANIZATION OF HIS MINISTRY. ALTHOUGH FIRST INDICATIONS ARE THAT SAENZ INSAUSTI WILL REMAIN IN THE CIVIL AVIATION POSITION, AN OFFICIAL OF IBERIA AIRLINES (WHERE SAENZ INSAUSTI WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED) TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE SUBSECRETARY MIGHT RETURN TO IBERIA.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE DISCREETLY TO URGE SPANISH TO MAKE DECISION ON TYPE OF ATC SYSTEM THEY WILL INSTALL. MEANWHILE THE AMBASSADOR HAS APPROVED FURTHER BRIEFINGS AND/OR FURNISHING OF INFORMATION TO THE GOS BY BOTH THE FAA (CAAG) AND USAF/ESD (JUSMG). AMBASSADOR ALSO DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION PERSONALLY WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. STABLER

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